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Community *notes*

Howard County Housing Accepting Applications for MIHU Program

Howard County Housing is accepting applications for the County's Moderate Income Housing Unit (MIHU) program now through Friday, January 30, 2015.

Housing will hold a free "MIHU Buyers and Renters Workshop," on Monday, January 12, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Gateway Building, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive in Columbia. The workshop is open to the public and will explain the program's eligibility requirements and application process for prospective homebuyers and renters. Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Maryland and Delaware, Inc. will also be on hand to present information regarding the importance of credit scores for buying or renting a home. For more information or to register for the workshop, contact Howard County Housing's Homeownership Division at 410-313-6318 and select option 4.

The program offers opportunity for qualified applicants to purchase or rent. To learn more about the program's qualifications, visit the department's [webpage](#).

Restaurant Weeks in Howard County

Plan your visit to a local restaurant or two (or more) during the semi-annual event, January 19 - February 2. Visit Howard County Tourism and Promotion's [website](#) for more information about the participating restaurants.



Greeting

The beginning of the year reminds me of the words of John F. Kennedy, *Change is the law of life. Those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.*

Your impact in our community is invaluable. I thank you for it.

May Kay

The Latest from The Columbia Orchestra

The Columbia Orchestra invites the community to its Free Open Rehearsal on Monday, January 12, 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. at The Gathering Place (6120 Daylong Lane, Clarksville). Music Director Jason Love and the Orchestra will perform selections in preparation for their next concert: **Cinematic Inspirations**. Enjoy wine and cheese in a relaxed setting. Attendees can come and go as they like.



Then join The Columbia Orchestra in concert for **Cinematic Inspirations** on

Saturday, January 31, 7:30 p.m. in the Jim Rouse Theatre (Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia). The concert features a showing of the silent film *One Week* and the world premiere of the score by Andrew Earle Simpson. Additional selections for this performance include Mussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain*, Rossini's *Overture to William Tell*, & Grofe's *Grand Canyon Suite*.

Tickets are \$10 - \$25 and may be purchased at www.columbiaorchestra.org/tickets.

Tips to Prevent Frozen Pipes

Howard County Government's Bureau of Utilities offers tips on how to keep pipes from freezing and potentially bursting.

Water pipes located on or next to an outside wall are subjected to sub-freezing temperatures, as are pipes located in a garage or any other unheated building. To help combat this problem and reduce the probability of your pipes freezing, Utilities recommends the following:

- Wrap or insulate exposed pipes susceptible to low temperatures.
- Utilize other devices, such as heat tape, to help keep your pipes from freezing.
- Turn off and drain outside hose bibs.
- Make sure they know where the main water cutoff valve is and how it works.
- Seal all air leaks that allow let an icy blast to reach their pipes.
- For homes with crawl spaces, close outside air vents located in the foundation wall during extremely cold temperatures to keep the exposed plumbing from freezing.
- If you have a programmable thermostat, consider not lowering the temperature when it is extremely cold outside.

If you are going on an extended vacation, be sure to keep enough heat on in the residence to prevent pipes from freezing.

- Leave the hot and cold water dripping on nights when the temperature dips below 15°F.

While some pipes, such as those located in cabinets, can be situated against an outside wall and while they may be insulated, the County suggests residents leave the cabinet doors open to allow the heat in the room to keep the pipes warm and from freezing.



Also, to help keep county fire hydrants from freezing over and to help prevent street flooding, residents are asked to shovel out fire hydrants in their neighborhood that are covered or obstructed by snow, as well as keeping obstacles, such as snow, away from storm water runoff drains.

If the unfortunate does happen and your pipes freeze, the Bureau recommends opening the cold water faucet nearest the frozen pipe to relieve the pressure. Once you have done so, use a gentle heat source, such as a light bulb or hair dryer to thaw the pipe; **DO NOT** use an open flame.

Residents are further reminded if you lose water or experience sewage back-up in your home, call the County first to determine if there is a break in the water main or a blockage in the sewer main beyond your property. During regular business hours, residents are instructed to call the Bureau of Utilities at 410-313-4900. After hours and on the weekends, residents are to call Central Dispatch at 410-313-2929 which will then notify a county utility worker.

New Exhibit in the Kish Gallery

The Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton House (10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia) is pleased to host a two-person exhibit in the galleries beginning January 8 through February 14, 2015.

David Fried of Jessup, Maryland will show his mixed media work (including pieces by his late brother Herschel Fried), entitled "Memories" in the Lobby Gallery. Elaine Hochreiter of Laurel, Maryland will show her oil paintings, entitled "Nature's Splendor", in the Bill White Room Gallery.

David Fried has exhibited in both group and solo shows at Rockland Arts Center, Hoffberger Gallery, ArtMD and Slayton House Gallery. Mr. Fried has received several awards for his work, including Honorable Mention at the ArtMD 2006, and First Place at the Lyric Opera House Invitational. His late brother Herschel Fried exhibited in regional and national exhibitions in Baltimore, New York, Chicago and Illinois, and received favorable reviews for the Parisian Magazine of Art, "La Revue Moderne".

Elaine Hochreiter has exhibited her work at the Howard County Arts Council Group Show, Singular Sensations at the Columbia Art Center and Slayton House Gallery. She has been juried into the Patuxent Art League's Annual Art Exhibitions and the juried Masters' Division of the Central Adirondack Art Show winning First and Second Place awards and the Dodge Pratt Northam Art Center winning a Second Place award. Ms. Hochreiter additionally exhibits with the Maryland Art League and has also worked as a portrait artist in the charcoal and pastel media.

The community is invited to the Artists' Reception on Sunday, January 11, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Events at the Maryland Science Center

Friday Night Star Gazing

Venture out to the urban rooftop Observatory to view the night sky as the Science Center's staff help you find planets and constellations. The Observatory is open every Friday night from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., weather permitting. Stargazing is free and open to the public; admission to the Science Center is not required. Please phone 410.545.2999 before your visit to check on viewing conditions.



Stop Motion Animations

Interested in making moving images? Find out how during the Stop Motion Animations workshop on Saturday, January 10 or Sunday, January 11 at The Shed, Maryland Science Center. Learn how stop motion animations work and make your own zoetrope sequence, flip book or short animated production! The workshop is recommended for grades 2 and up, free with paid admission.

For more information, click [here](#) to visit their website.

Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Howard County will host two events remembering the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission invites the community to its [30th Annual Celebration](#) on Sunday, January 18, 2:00 p.m. at the Horowitz Center, Howard Community College. This event is free and attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the Howard County Food Bank. The keynote speaker is Dr. David Anderson, founder and senior pastor of Bridgeway Community Church and one of the world's leading authorities on building bridges across the deep divides of race, faith, culture and wealth.

Residents are also encouraged to sign-up to take part in the County's "Day of Service Across Howard County" Project on Monday, January 19. Volunteer opportunities include: learning Hands-Only CPR, collecting old cell phones, shelving food donations, creating special occasion cards and assisting Days End Farm Horse Rescue. Those interested in volunteering should visit www.volunteerhoward.org/hocomlkserve. All volunteers are invited to attend a kick-off celebration that morning at the North Laurel Community Center, 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Howard County's Recreation and Parks invites the public to its 3rd Annual Remembrance Day on Monday, January 19, 11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at the Roger Carter Community Center. There will be a special musical performance by the Bain Center Gospel Choir and, weather permitting, a tour of the nearby Ellicott City Colored School Restored where participants will get a sneak peek of the new exhibit on the USS Constellation. On loan from Historic Ships in Baltimore until April 25th, the exhibit showcases the ship's efforts to stop the illegal importation of slaves off the coast of West Africa from 1859 to 1861. Attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item.

Also, a tour of the restored Ellicott City Colored School will be offered from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Camp Expo 2015

The community is invited to the 32nd annual Camp Expo on Sunday, January 25, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. at Kahler Hall (5440 Old Tucker Row, Columbia). Sponsored by the Harper's Choice Community Association, Inc. this event attracts families from the entire county who are looking for summer programs for their children. There will be special prize drawings throughout the event including up to three \$100 gift cards towards the camp of choice.

News from Howard County Library System

Finding Your Dream Job in Your Forties, Fifties, and Beyond

Personal finance expert Kerry Hannon discusses her book, *What's Next? Finding Your Passion and Your Dream Job in Your Forties, Fifties, and Beyond*, on Tuesday, January 13, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the East Columbia Branch, 50+ Center. The library will have Ms. Hannon's books available for purchase and signing.

Money Matters Scout Badge Day

Calling all scouts who want to earn financial badges by participate in activities to work toward or complete various financial badge requirements. Girl Scouts (Daisies - Juniors) can work on Money Counts, Money Manager, and Business Owner badges, while Boy Scouts (grades 6-12) can complete activities for the Personal Management merit badge. The sessions take place on Saturday, January 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Miller Branch. Register at hclibrary.org.

Upcoming Exhibits at the Center for the Arts

Howard County Arts Council is hosting two exhibits January 16 – February 27. In Gallery I, *HoCo Open* is a salon-style, non-juried exhibit showcasing the talent of local artists who live, work, or study in Howard County.

Poetic Energetic is being displayed in Gallery II and features the lively mixed media work of Colombia-born Nico Amortegui (MALO), colorful acrylic paintings by Nigerian artist Stanley Agbontaen, and atmospheric encaustic figure paintings by Marcie Wolf-Hubbard.

The reception on January 23 (snow date January 30) from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., co-hosted by Howard County Tourism, includes a pARTners in ART networking event, as well as music by Damon Foreman. The Howard County Poetry and Literature Society (HoCoPoLitSo) will also be on hand to launch its 40th anniversary poetry anthology, *Twenty Years, Twenty Poets, Volume II*, with a selection of live poetry readings.

To learn more about Arts Council exhibits, visit their [Exhibits](#) page.



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